

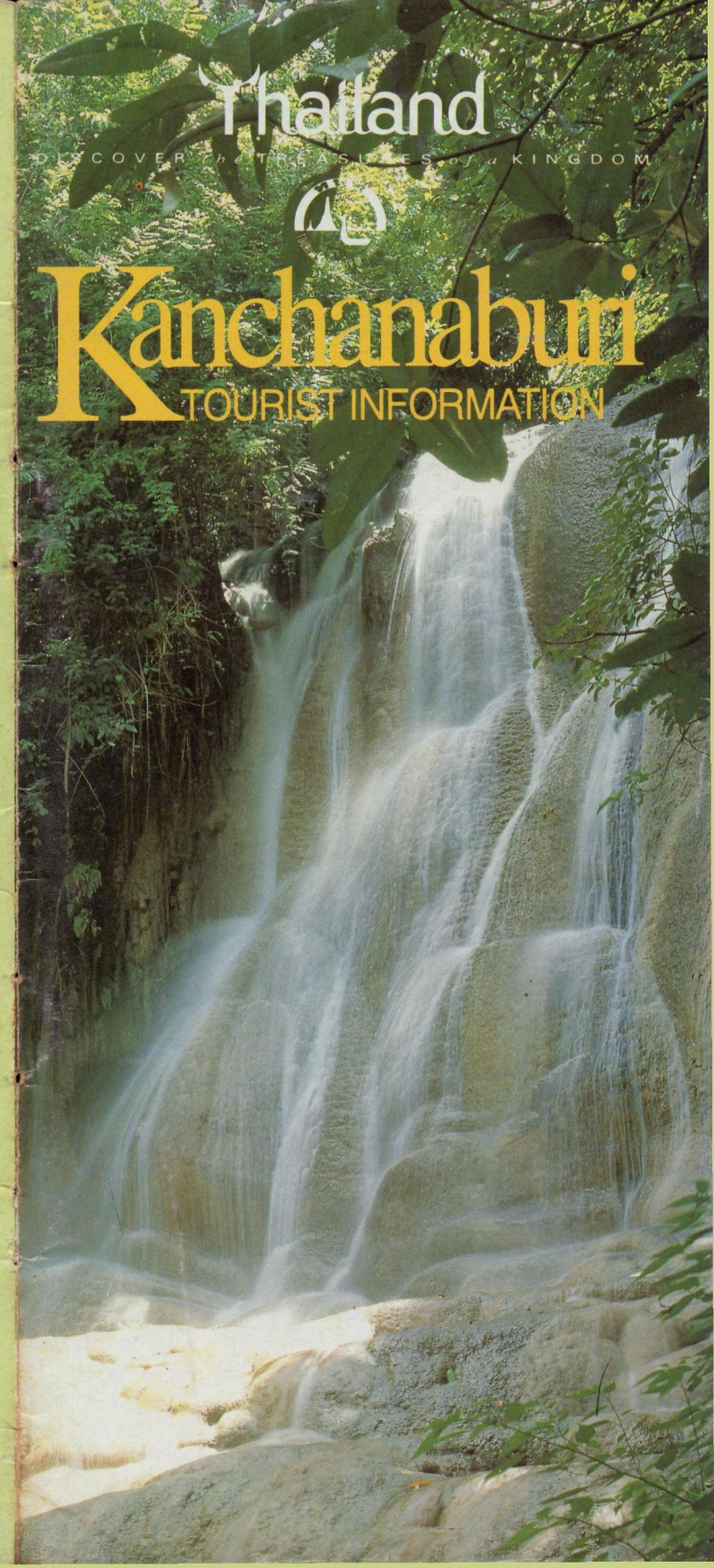
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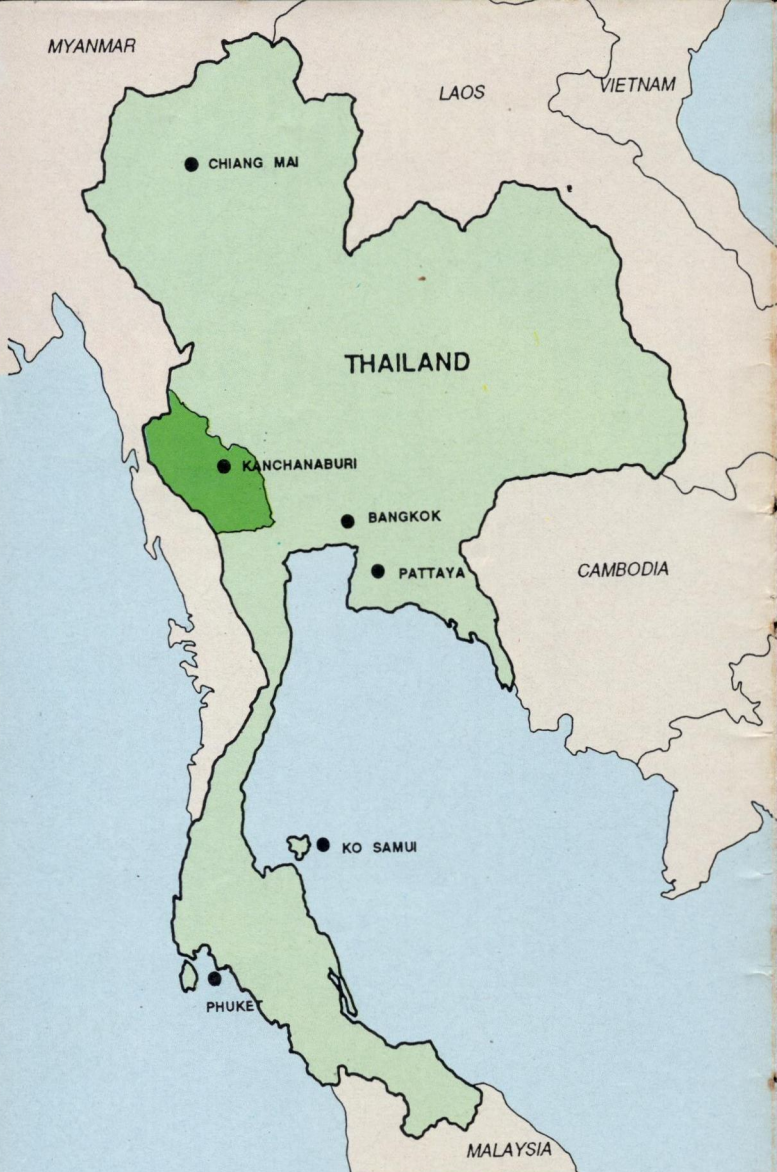
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# Kanchanaburi

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## Kanchanaburi Province

**Area:** 19,486 square kilometres

**Population:** 730,000 (1993)

**Accessibility:** road & rail from Bangkok

**Provincial capital:** 128 kilometres west of Bangkok

**Major occupations:** farming

**Major products:** gemstones & agriculture

**Major industries:** farming & tourism

**Major neighbouring provinces:** Nakhon Pathom.  
Ratchaburi, Suphan Buri



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# Introduction

**K**anchanaburi is Thailand's fourth largest province. Kanchanaburi covers some 19,486 square (and oftentimes mountainous) kilometres, and borders Myanmar (Burma) to the west of Bangkok.

Kanchanaburi is the site of the world-famous *Bridge Over The River Kwai*, immortalised in books and movies, and is noted for rugged natural beauty where mountains and river valleys have inspired development of hydro-electric power and where labyrinthine dam reservoirs provide further scenic elements to the province's natural beauty.

Beyond the compact provincial capital, some 130 kilometres, and a comfortable two-hour drive, from Bangkok, where the Kwai Yai and the Kwai Noi rivers unite to form the Mae Klong River, Kanchanaburi unfolds in progressively arresting scenic beauty in a landscape characterised by several waterfalls, caves once inhabited by Neolithic man, national parks and tranquil riverine and reservoir settings

Opportunities abound for bucolic living aboard rafts on dazzling rivers and reservoirs, and provide the focal point for memorable holidays for nature lovers who delight in natural surroundings and pleasures without sacrificing basic comforts.

## Local Culture

Kanchanaburi's inhabitants are largely engaged in agriculture, and are mostly of Thai ancestry with notable Mon and Karen minorities. Rural dwellers enjoy folk music and dances dating back at least 500 years and which feature distinctive songs and long drums. Such performances are re-enacted during popular festivals each year at Amphoe Phanom Tuan.



# Recommended Itinerary

## Day 1

*Early morning departure from Bangkok by road. Visit the world's tallest Buddhist monument at Nakhon Pathom. Proceed after lunch to Kanchanaburi. Check in to hotel. Visit River Kwai Bridge. Dine beside river.*

## Day 2

*Morning departure for Bo Phloi district to visit Jewellery Handicraft Centre where locally mined star sapphires are fashioned into jewellery creations, the Tham Lod Park, and Kanchanaburi Safari Park during afternoon return to provincial capital*

## Day 3

*Early morning departure for Srinagarind Dam, and thence by boat to Sri Nagarind National Park to visit Huay Kamin waterfall. Mid-afternoon return for overnight stay in Kanchanaburi.*

## Day 4

*Morning departure for Prasat Muang Singh and Ban Kao museum. Lunch at Saiyok Yai waterfall before proceeding to Sangkla Buri for overnight stay. Evening visit to Three Pagodas Pass.*

## Day 5

*Morning elephant trek, river rafting, afternoon return to provincial capital, with options for golf, or rail journey from Nam Tok station along last remaining section of 'Death Railway'.*

## Day 6

*Morning departure for Bangkok by road, or rail, or neighbouring provinces, or extension of Kanchanaburi sojourn.*





# City Attractions

**T**he provincial capital is a relatively new town, dating merely from 1831. Major tourism attractions are inextricably connected with the Second World War, and more specifically, the years 1942 through 1945.

## The Bridge Over The River Kwai

Internationally famous, thanks to several motion pictures and books, the black iron bridge was brought from Java by the Japanese army and reassembled under Japanese supervision by Allied prisoner-of-war labour as part of the 'Death Railway' linking Thailand with Burma. Still in use today, the bridge was the target of frequent Allied bombing raids during 1945, and was rebuilt after the war ended. The curved spans of the bridge are the original sections.

The bridge, which spans the Kwai Yai river some 4 kilometres northwest of the Tourism Authority of Thailand's Kanchanaburi office on Saeng Chuto Road, is the focal point of a riverside area of restaurants, souvenir, handicraft and jewellery shops.

Second World War-vintage steam locomotives, and a peculiar hybrid road/railcar from the same era comprise a small Railway Museum on the bridge's eastern approach.

## Japanese War Memorial

This occupies a small plot of riverside land just south of the bridge.

**OPPOSITE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM:  
The world-famous bridge, the Allied  
war cemetery, and but one of the many  
beautiful waterfalls awaiting visitors  
beyond the provincial capital**



## **The Kanchanaburi War Cemetery**

On Saeng Chuto Road, opposite the Railway Station, this immaculately maintained enclave contains the remains of 6,982 Allied prisoners of war who perished during the construction of the 'Death Railway'. An estimated 16,000 Allied prisoners of war, and 49,000 forced labourers, died during the construction of the 'Death Railway' and Bridge over the River Kwai.

## **The Chung-Kai War Cemetery**

2 kilometres south of town, on the bank of the Kwai Noi River, this occupies the former site of the Chung-Kai Prisoner of War Camp. This second cemetery is more peaceful, attractively landscaped, and contains some 1,750 remains.

## **The JEATH War Museum**

This enclave in the riverside precincts of Wat Chaichumphon has been constructed largely in the form of an Allied prisoner-of-war camp. The name JEATH is derived from Japan, England, America, Australia, Thailand and Holland. The thatched detention hut with cramped, elevated bamboo bunks contains photographic, pictorial and physical memorabilia dating from the Second World War. Several prisoners of war who survived appalling conditions have donated items from that time to add to the museum's authenticity.

*Opening hours: 8.30 AM to 6.00 PM daily*

*Admission fee: 20 baht*

## **Wat Tham Khao Poon**

1 kilometre southwest of the Chung-Kai War Cemetery, this Buddhist temple is locally renowned for a cave containing stalactites and stalagmites, and many beautiful Buddha images.

# Out-of-City Attractions

**E**ssentially, there are two major land routes for exploring main conveniently accessible tourism attractions in Kanchanaburi. The more western Route 323 largely parallels the Kwai Noi River to the Khao Laem Dam reservoir (153 kilometres from the provincial capital). Route 3199 follows the Kwai Yai River to Sri Nagarind Dam (69 kilometres away from the provincial capital).

## **Route 323**

Major attractions along, or near, Route 323, and within 250 kilometres of the provincial capital, include:

### **Phu Phra Cave**

15 kilometres from town, this cavern is where a legendary character from Thai literature is said to have studied magic.

### **Muang Singh City**

Well signposted from Route 323, and 43 kilometres from town, this ancient site is located on a steep bank of the Kwai Noi River where the waterway narrows and becomes fast flowing. The 800-year-old city ruins are of considerable archaeological interest, and the principal structure, the Khmer Prasat Muang Singh (Tower of the City of Lions) is believed to have been the westernmost outpost of the Angkor-centred Khmer empire. Skeletal remains dating back some 2,000 years have been unearthed, and a wide range of artifacts, including temple carvings, religious statuary, implements and pottery shards indicate the once-thriving city must have been inhabited from approximately the 12th to 14th centuries.

*Admission fee to the Prasat Muang Singh complex is 20 baht.*



## **Ban Kao Museum**

8 kilometres from Prasat Muang Singh, and 35 kilometres from Kanchanaburi, this also overlooks the Kwai Noi River. The museum was constructed beside a Neolithic burial site discovered by an Allied prisoner of war during the construction of 'Death Railway'. Some 4,000 years ago, Neolithic man lived, roamed and hunted beside the Kwai rivers, sheltering beneath rock overhangs or in nearby caves. The Ban Kao museum houses skeletal remains, pots, axe heads, jewellery made from animal bones, and other artefacts dating from that era.

## **Sai Yok Noi Waterfall**

Also known as Khao Phang Waterfall, 60 kilometres from town on Route 323, this is the first of several waterfalls. The roadside cascade is best visited between July and September, when water is most plentiful, and is located 2 kilometres northwest of Nam Tok Railway Station, the terminus of the branch line originating in the provincial capital and which crosses the world-famous bridge.

## **The Lawa Cave**

75 kilometres from town, this largest cave in the area has stalactites and stalagmites in several chambers. Visitors may take boats from the Kwai Noi River Pak Saeng Pier, at Tambon Tha Sao (southwest of Nam Tok Railway Station and Sai Yok Noi Waterfall) to explore this cave, and travel afterwards upstream to the riverine Sai Yok Yai Waterfall, 104 kilometres from town.

*(See TRANSPORTATION for further details)*

## **Sai Yok Yai Waterfall**

This flows directly into the Kwai Noi River, and is the most popular attraction in the 300-square-

**OPPOSITE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM:  
Beautiful waterfalls and caves  
characterise the Kanchanaburi  
countryside, and the Three Pagodas  
Pass marks the Thai border with  
Myanmar (Burma)**





kilometre Sai Yok National Park. The park contains several interesting caves besides the Lawa. The Daowadung Cave, which also entails a river trip for visits, is the most popular. South of the Sai Yok Yai Waterfall, is another cascade flowing into the river, the Nam Jone Waterfall. Wildlife in Sai Yok's deciduous forests include small mammals such as bats, squirrels, and deer, and numerous bird species, including wreathed hornbills and blue-winged pittas. Human presence at Sai Yok is known to date back to the Stone Age, and the Sai Yok Yai Waterfall has been repeatedly celebrated in Thai poetry and song. Bungalow accommodation, river rafts and camping facilities are available.

### **Hin Dat Hot Springs**

130 kilometres from town, these occupy a hollow some 3 kilometres northeast of Route 323.

### **Pha That Waterfall**

The three-tiered cascade, 140 kilometres from town, is some 12 kilometres northeast of Route 323, along the same track.

### **Khao Laem Dam**

153 kilometres from town, this imposing structure has a 9-hole golf course, tennis courts, guest house and motel accommodation, and a scenic reservoir upon which several private raft complexes offer opportunities for boat rides, swimming and fishing.

*(See ACCOMMODATION for further details.)*

Areas beyond Khao Laem Dam meriting visits either edge the extensive reservoir or nestle against the Myanmar border.

**OPPOSITE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM:  
Kanchanaburi's rugged landscape  
attains a mysterious mood near sunset,  
popular raft accommodation, and the  
riverside Sai Yok waterfall, celebrated  
in poetry and song**







## **Pilog Mine**

60 kilometres west of Amphoe Thonphaphum, on Route 3272, there was much mining of wolfram and tin in the Tanaosri Mountain range marking the Thai-Burmese border. A temperate fruit and decorative winter plant orchard, Pilog Hill, 32 kilometres from the amphoe, can be visited *en route*.

## **Sangkla Buri**

This petite settlement, some 225 kilometres from Kanchanaburi, edges the northernmost extremities of the Khao Laem reservoir. The scenic 75-kilometre route from Khao Laem largely parallels the reservoir, passes several raft complexes, botanical gardens and roadside cascades, and vistas of partly submerged trees crowding the reservoir banks.

## **Three Pagodas Pass**

This even smaller settlement, 241 kilometres from Kanchanaburi, marks the rugged Thai-Myanmar border, and is the site of a small but thriving border market. Visitors are allowed to enter the neighbouring Burmese settlement between 6.00 AM and 6.00 PM (when the border is closed). The three miniature pagodas are memorials to what was the traditional invasion route favoured by Burmese soldiers during the Ayutthaya period (1350-1767).

## **Wat Wangka Wiwekaram**

This extensive temple on the southern outskirts of Sangkla Buri edges the Khao Laem reservoir. The complex is constructed in an unusual pastiche of Thai, Indian and Burmese Buddhist architectural styles, and the abbot is highly revered among local people, including tribal folk and Burmese.

## **Sangkla Buri Forest Tours**

Certain Kanchanaburi travel agents offer one-day elephant-trekking and rafting tours in the immediate vicinity of Sangkla Buri. Visitors are advised to contact either local travel agents or the Kanchanaburi TAT office for current details, since the tours are *not always* conducted on a daily basis.

## **Thung Yai Sanctuary Park**

Northeast of Sangkla Buri, this sanctuary occupies a terrain of forested mountains and high plains, and hosts numerous protected wildlife species including tigers, bears, elephants and deer. The area is necessarily rugged, remote, and demands 4-wheel-drive vehicles for exploration. Special permission from the Forestry Department is needed for admittance. Visitors interested in entering the area are required to contact the Forestry Department, either in Bangkok or in Kanchanaburi.

## **ROUTE 3199**

Major attractions along Route 3199 include beautiful waterfalls in three national parks.

## **Bo Phloi**

Some 40 kilometres from Kanchanaburi, and just off Route 3086, this area is famed for locally-mined blue sapphires and semi-precious materials such as onyx. A Jewellery Handicraft Centre enables visitors to see how these materials are made into finished jewellery creations.

## **Kanchanaburi Safari Park**

This brand new enclave, near Bo Phloi, dominated by a man-made hill adorned with decorative pavilions, hosts numerous African and Asian mammals, including giraffes, zebras, lions, tigers and elephants in carefully landscaped environs.

## **Chaloem Rattanakosin National Park or Tham Than Lod**

97 kilometres from Kanchanaburi, and north of Bo Phloi, along Route 3086, this 54-square-kilometre park encompasses peaceful forests, waterfalls and several caves. The 300-metre long Than Lod Noi Cave near the park headquarters is the most popular attraction. Bungalow accommodation and camping facilities are available.



## **Erawan National Park**

65 kilometres from Kanchanaburi along Route 3199, this 550-square-kilometre national park is the site of the 7-tiered Erawan Waterfall, widely regarded as being one of Thailand's loveliest cascades. A mountainside forest setting includes dense bamboo groves which support numerous bird species. The park's other major attraction is the spectacular Prathat Cave which contains monumental stalagmites. Bungalow accommodation and camping facilities are available.

## **Sri Nagarind Dam**

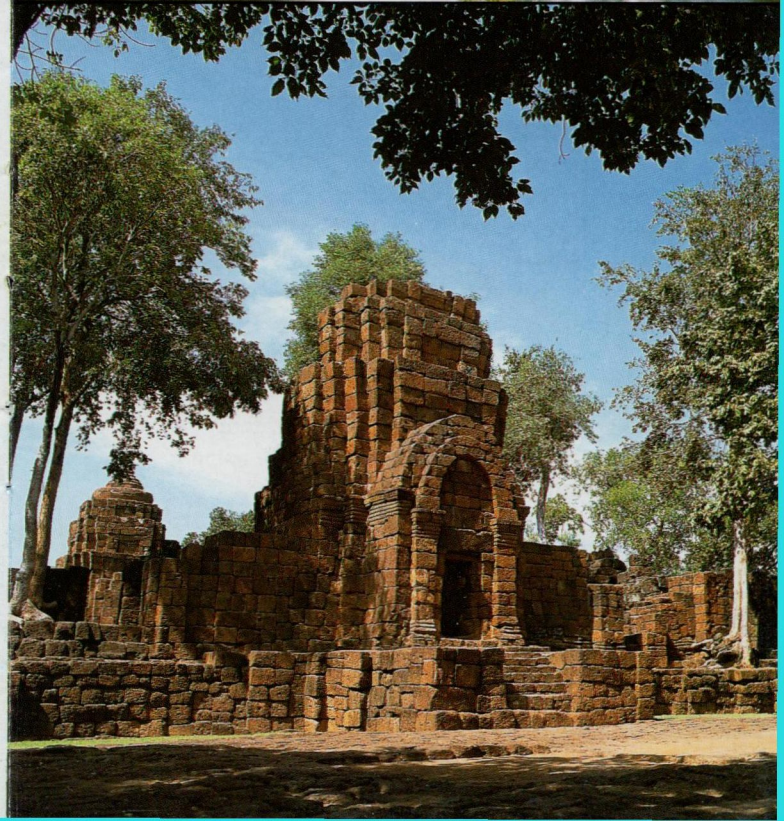
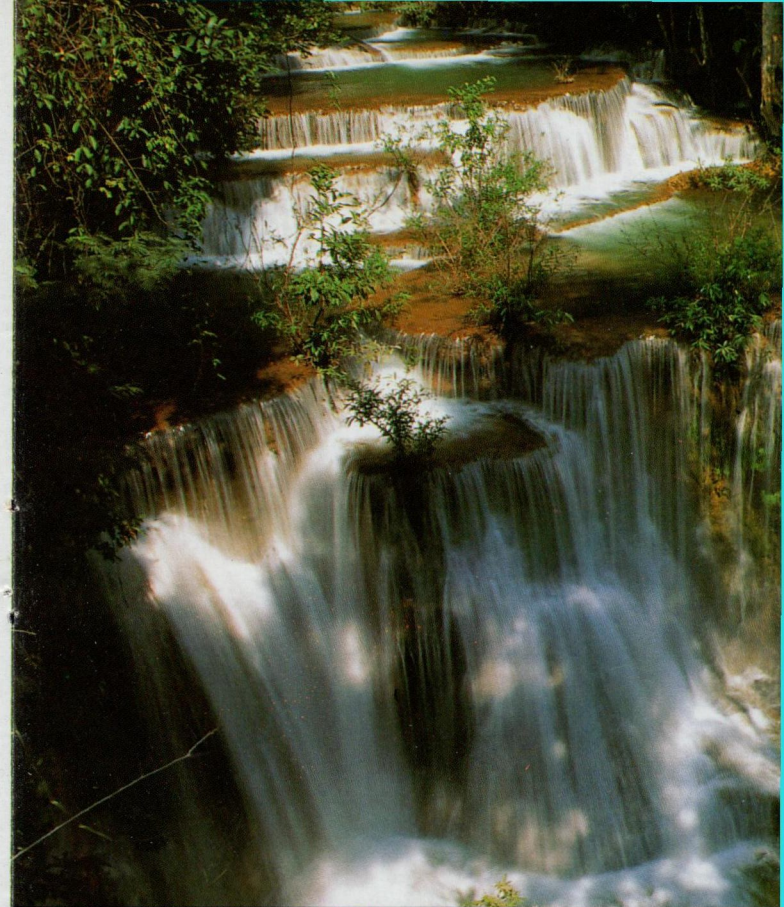
69 kilometres from Kanchanaburi, and just 4 kilometres north of the Erawan national park, this massive structure marks the southernmost extremity of an extensive reservoir, which is part of yet another national park.

## **Sri Nagarind National Park**

This park covers 1,532 square kilometres. Park headquarters are 105 kilometres from Kanchanaburi. Major park attractions include the lovely 7-tiered Huay Kamin Waterfall, boat trips on the scenic reservoir, and encroaching deciduous forest and bamboo groves where kingfishers, parrots, bee-eaters, hornbills, woodpeckers, thrushes, babblers and numerous other bird species are readily seen. Larger, more elusive mammals within the park's remoter areas include deer, elephants and tigers. Phra and Niramit Caves near the park headquarters comprise other attractions. Bungalow accommodation is available. The park's relative inaccessibility necessitates either a punishing 40-kilometre drive along a dry weather track, and negotiable only by motorcycles, pickups or 4-wheel-drive vehicles, or a 45-75-minute boat ride from the Tha Kradan Pier 24 kilometres north of the Sri Nagarind Dam.

**OPPOSITE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM:  
The scenic Huay Kamin waterfall in Sri  
Nagarind national park, and the Khmer  
Prasat Muang Singh, the westernmost  
Khmer outpost in Thailand**





# Special Interests

## National Parks

Kanchanaburi's aforementioned parks offer opportunities for either camping, and/or fishing, or trekking along nature trails. Camping facilities, which customarily provide cold running water and simple toilet facilities, are available at Chaloe M Rattanakosin, Sai Yok and Erawan national parks. Trekking along either well-defined waterfall trails, or nature trails, to visit caves or appreciate local flora and fauna is a popular activity at all national parks.

## Fishing

This is popular on both Kwai rivers, and the Khao Laem and Sri Nagarind reservoirs. Several raft resorts offer hired rods. Edible and popular fish include the Giant Gourami, the Transverse Bellbarb, the Giant Snakehead Fish and the Striped Tiger Nandid. Each is delicious when freshly cooked, either simply fried or in Thai culinary styles.

## Rafting

Trips are available from the provincial capital and several holiday resorts. Raft trips leaving from the famous bridge, or the waterfront Song Kwai Road area, cost between 2,000 and 4,500 baht for 10-15 persons, depending on durations and destinations. Trips may entail 7-10 hour return journeys, or include an overnight stay on either the Kwai Yai or Kwai Noi rivers. Visitors are advised to contact TAT's Kanchanaburi office for current information and prices.

## Rail Trips

Railway enthusiasts may travel along one of Southeast Asia's most historical tracks, namely the surviving stretch of the 'Death Railway', from the provincial capital to the Nam Tok Railway Station near the Sai Yok Noi Waterfall. The winding track crosses the world-famous bridge and provides a clear indication of how difficult constructing the original







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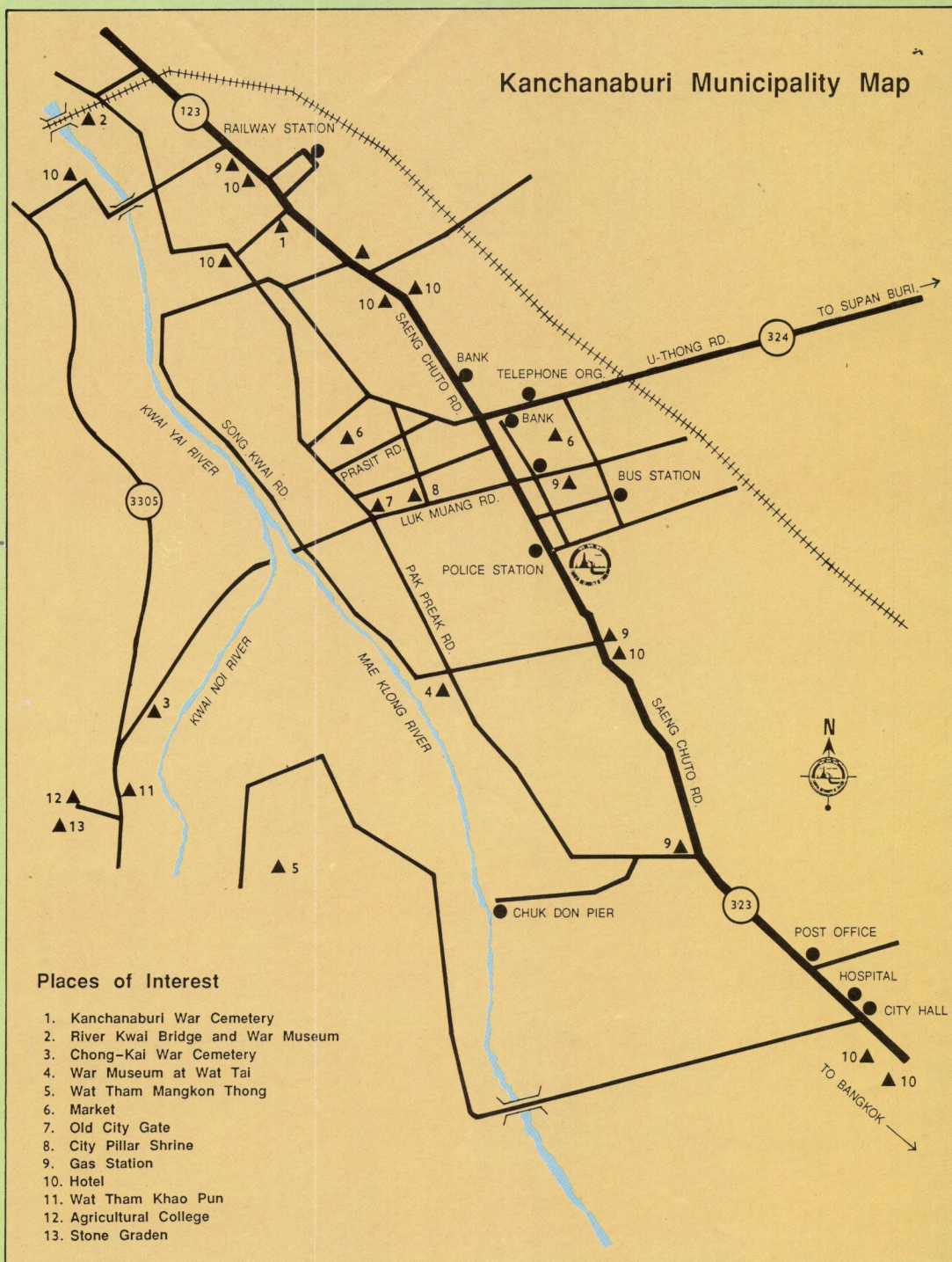
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track (long since repaired and restored) must have been. One particularly exhilarating stretch sees the line parallel the curving Kwai Noi on a wooden viaduct towering above the river and hugging a steep, cave-ridden cliff

## **Golf**

Golf has become very popular in recent years and can be enjoyed at the courses listed below. Most offer clubhouse, pro shop and caddy facilities, and have rental equipment. Green fees vary widely, weekends generally being more expensive. Unless otherwise specified, courses listed below are each 18-hole, par 72.

### **Green World Hot Spring Resort & Golf Club**

Km 107 Kanchanaburi-Thong Pha Phum Road

Tel: (02) 539-4613, 539-2865-6

### **Grand Garden & Golf Club**

Ladya, Muang, Kanchanaburi

Tel: (02) 243-5816-7, 249-0742-3

### **Khao Laem Golf Course (9 holes)**

Thong Pha Phum Tel: (034) 599-077

### **Sri Nagarind Golf Course (9 holes)**

Sri Sawat Tel: (034) 513-000

### **Nichigo Resort & Country Club**

Ladya, Muang, Kanchanaburi

Tel: (02) 235-3034-8

### **Barrington Saiyok & Sports Club**

Singha, Sai Yok

Tel: (02) 541-4252-6 Fax (02) 541-4257

### **Mission Hill Golf Club**

Nong Tak Ya, Tha Muang, Kanchanaburi

Tel: (02) 222-5514, 226-3390, (01) 312-0711-2

### **River Kwai Golf & Country Club**

Ban Wang Mai, Sai Yok

Tel: (02) 279-5040, 279-5058 (034) 591-037

### **Evergreen Hills Golf Club**

152 Mu 5, Tha Muang, Kanchanaburi

Tel: (02) 512-0294-6

### **Home Phu Toey Golf Resort**

Ban Phu Toey, Sai Yok

Tel: (02) 280-3488-9

# Major Events

## Boat & Raft Day

Local long-boat teams race boats with great gusto at the waterfront area of the provincial Kwai Yai River to celebrate 'Boat & Raft Day', generally during October.

## River Kwai Bridge Week

Each year, late November and/or early December, the world-famous bridge becomes the focal point of celebrations. Highlights include exhibitions and historical and archeological displays; a carnival featuring sideshows, roundabouts, folk entertainment and cultural performances; rides on trains hauled by World War II vintage steam locomotives; and a nightly light & sound presentation re-enacting the bridge's Second World War history, including an Allied bombing raid.

# Thai Etiquette

What is considered polite in your country is probably considered polite in Thailand, too.

However, there are a few cultural pitfalls, mainly social and religious taboos, the breaking of which can cause offence.

For example, Thais revere their royal family. Even social malcontents, who ignore legal and community standards, refuse to tolerate a faintly implied slur on the monarchy,

Outward expressions of anger are regarded as

**OPPOSITE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM:  
Fireworks explode above the world-  
famous bridge, a WWII-vintage steam  
locomotive, and some of the local  
jewellery which comprises a  
perpetually popular purchase**





crude and boorish. Visitors who remain calm and smile will find all sorts of doors opened to them.

Visitors should dress neatly in all religious shrines. They should never go shirtless, or in shorts, hot pants or other unsuitable attire.

Shoes should be removed when entering a private Thai home, a Buddhist temple chapel, any of the Islamic community's mosques.

Each Buddha image, large or small, ruined or not, is regarded as a sacred object. Never climb onto one to take a photograph or do anything which might indicate a lack of respect.

Public displays of affection between men and women are frowned upon. Westernised Thai couples may hold hands, but that's as far as it goes in public.

It is considered rude to point your foot at a person or object.

Thais regard the head as the highest part of the body, literally and figuratively. Therefore, they do not appreciate anyone patting them there, even as a friendly gesture.

Thais customarily ask questions which are regarded elsewhere as being personal. If the visitor is asked, 'Where are you going?' or 'How much do you earn?' such questions are asked in a friendly manner and signify genuine interest. Joking answers such as, 'I'm not sure' or 'Never enough!' are perfectly acceptable.

# Transportation

## Transportation To Kanchanaburi

Kanchanaburi is connected by daily road and rail services with Bangkok and other neighbouring provinces

Airconditioned and regular coaches leave Bangkok's Southern Bus Terminal throughout the day for the 2 to 3-hour journey.

Trains leave the Bangkok Noi Railway Station daily for Kanchanaburi.

The TAT office in Kanchanaburi issues an updated and current timetable for bus and rail services



between Bangkok and Kanchanaburi, and major neighbouring provinces.

## **Travel Within Kanchanaburi**

Transportation within the provincial capital is most enjoyable on tricycles. These can be hired at the rate of approximately 150 baht for two to three hours, enabling visitors to see the Bridge over the River Kwai, the Kanchanaburi War Cemetery, the waterfront Song Kwai Road area, and the JEATH War Museum in one circuit.

Motorcycles or jeeps can be rented on a daily or weekly basis at several outlets on Saeng Chuto Road, beside the TAT Kanchanaburi office, and around the Song Kwai Road area. Visitors are advised to shop around since hire rates and conditions vary, and to check with the TAT office for prevailing rates.

The boat trip to the Lawa Cave and Sai Yok Yai Waterfall from the Pak Saeng Pier in Tambon Tha Sao takes around 4 hours for the return trip, and costs between 1,000 and 1,500 baht per boat, each with a seating capacity of 10 to 12 persons.

The 45-70-minute boat ride to Sri Nagarind National Park headquarters, from the Tha Kradan Pier, costs 1,500 baht upwards, again on boats with seating capacities of 10 to 12 persons.

Visitors are advised to check with the TAT office in Kanchanaburi for prevailing rates and the availability of alternate methods of transportation, such as on public holidays and weekends.

## **Shopping**

Major souvenir shops are concentrated around the easterbn approaches, and riverine environment, of the world-famous bridge.. Almost every handicraft produced in Thailand can be purchased there. Browsing to compare quality, and good-humoured but determined bargaining, will ensure favourable prices for readymade leisurewear and other apparel, and popular souvenirs such as bamboo musical instruments, palm leaf mobiles, ceramic decorations, lacquerware and bronzeware receptacles, paper para-

sols, and Thai silk and cotton lengths.

Kanchanaburi is a major source of high-quality Thai blue sapphires. These are mined at Ban Phloi, as are onyx and topaz. Purchases of finished jewellery creations can be made at Ban Phloi's Jewellery Handicraft Centre and other satellite outlets.

## Dining

Western cuisine is rarely found beyond hotel coffeeshops and guest house or resort dining rooms. Excellent Thai and Chinese cuisine prominently features freshly caught river fish. The most popular dining areas are the Song Kwai Road waterfront area and the riverine restaurants in the vicinity of the River Kwai Bridge. In both areas, several restaurants, some on rafts, offer comprehensive menus. Live music is often frequently offered, particularly in the Song Kwai Road area.

*See SELECT RESTAURANT LIST on page 32*

## Accommodation

Kanchanaburi offers airconditioned hotels and resorts, bungalows, guest houses and riverside rafts within the provincial capital. River raft accommodation is also available in several natural locations, alongside both rivers and the Khao Laem and Sri Nagarind reservoirs.

Visitors wishing to stay at any of Kanchanaburi's national parks are advised to book beforehand, particularly if they wish to make weekend or public holiday outings. Reservations should be made through Bangkok's National Parks Division of the Royal Forestry Department (Tel: 579-5025, 579-4842).

Visitors wishing to stay at Khao Laem or Srinagarind Dams must make reservations through the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (EGAT) in Bangkok, Tel: 436-3179, 424-4794.



## **Provincial Capital**

### **River Kwai Hotel**

248 Saeng Chuto Road

Tel: 511-184, 511-565, 515-548-9 (02) 2516970,  
251-0088 Fax: 511-269, (02) 251-6070

Rates: 1,400-1,600 baht (per night)

### **Felix River Kwai Resort**

99/11 Mu 3 Tambon Thamakharn

Tel: 515-061-87, (02) 255-9410-9

Fax: 515-095, 515-086, 515-760

Rates: 2,000-3,000 baht

### **Thai Seree Hotel**

142 Saeng Chuto Road Tel: 511-128, 511-346

Rates: 200-250 baht

### **Sinsomboon Hotel**

1/11 Mu 6, nr Chinda Bridge, Tambon Kaeng  
Saen Tel: 513-218

Rates: 400-700 baht

### **Sri Muang Kan Hotel**

1-3 Saeng Chuto Road Tel: 511-609

Rates: 170-350 baht

### **Mittaphan Hotel**

201/244 Mu 2 Saeng Chuto Road

Tel: 514-498, 515-803-7 (02) 291-9953-4

Fax: (02) 289-0302

Rates: 1,000-2,000 baht VIP 5,000 baht

### **Pavilion Rim Kwai Resort**

Km 9 Kanchanaburi-Ladya Road

Tel: (02) 255-3296, 252-2211, 515-772-4

Fax: 515-774

Rate: 2,700 baht

### **Clarion Resort**

18/9 Mu 5 Tambon Ladya

Tel: (02) 287-0123 Fax: (02) 286-2881

### **Khao Tong View Hotel**

U-Thong Road

Tel: 511-595, 516-052, 511-669 Fax: 511-669

Rates: 300-350 baht

### **Baanpoonsap Sunseeker**

140 Mu 4 Tambon Ladya

Tel: (02) 379-1024, 379-0980

Fax: (02) 379-1024

Rates: 800-1,000 baht

**River Inn**

249 Saeng Chuto Road Tel 514-633

Rates: 400-800 baht

**BUNGALOWS****Boon Yong Bungalow**

75 Saeng Chuto Road Tel: 512-598, 511-196

Rates: 140-230 baht

**Wang Tong Bungalow**

249 Saeng Chuto Road Tel: 511-046

Rates: 160-240 baht

**Ban-Bo Bungalow**

91/11 Saeng Chuto Road Tel: 511-760

Rates: 100-180 baht

**Suksan Bungalow**

Saeng Chuto Road Tel: 512-263, 513-214,

513-213 Rates: 250-600 baht

**Underground Motel**

300/1 Saeng Chuto Road Tel: 511-258

Rates: 250-350 baht VIP 1,000-1,500 baht

**Thip Waree Bungalow**

221/1-4 Saeng Chuto Road Tel: 511-063

Rates: 100-150 baht

**Sri Rung Rueng Bungalow**

1/2 Chaokhunnen Street Tel: 511-087

Rates: 150-200 baht

**Sri Charoensuk Bungalow**

47/1 Saeng Chuto Road Tel: 511-783

Rates: 120-200 baht

**Don Ruk Bungalow**

313/19 Saeng Chuto Road Tel: 513-755

Rates: 100-250 baht

**Luxery Bungalow**

284/1-5 Saeng Chuto Road Tel: 511-168

Rates: 100-300 baht

**Kitcharoen Bungalow**

284/13 Saeng Chuto Road Tel: 511-802

Rates: 100-200 baht

**Prasobsuk Bungalow**

677 Saeng Chuto Road Tel: 511-777, 511-411

Rates: 110-240 baht

**Tewin Town Motel**

124 Patthanakan Road, Tambon Thamakharm

Rate: 500 baht



**Maitreechit Bungalow**

100/4 Mu 10 U-tong Road Tel: 512-374

Rates: 80-90 baht

**RAFT HOUSES AND GUEST HOUSES****Nita Raft House**

27/1 Tambon Ban Tai Tel: 514-521

Rates: 40-100 baht

**Suphakorn Chai Raft House**

7/4 Tambon Ban Noue Tel: 512-055

Rates: 200-350 baht

**Sam's Place**

7/3 Tambon Ban Noue Tel: 513-971

Rates: 150-250 baht

**Nittaya Raft House**

7/2 Tambon Ban Noue Tel: 513-341

Rates: 50-150 baht

**P.S. Guest House**

84/4 Tambon Ban Noue Tel: 513-039

Rates: 70-100 baht

**Rick's Lodge**

45/3 Tambon Ban Noue Tel: 514-813

Rate: 250 baht

**Jolly Frog**

28 Maenum Kwai Road Tel: 514-579

Rates: 50-130 baht

**V.N. Guest House**

44 Ban Noue

**Mr.Tee Guest House**

12 Patthanakan Road: Rates: 100-150 baht

**River Guest House**

Tambon Ban Noue Tel: 512-491

Rates: 40, 70, 100 baht

**Bamboo House**

5 Patthanakan Road Tel: 512-532

Rates: 100-400 baht

**V.L. Guest House**

18/11 Saeng Chuto Road Tel: 513-546, 513-548

Rates: 120-250 baht

**C & C Guest House**

265/2 Maenam Kwai Road Tel: (02) 937-5567,

624-547-8 Rates 100-150 baht

## RESORTS

### **Kasem's Island Resort**

27 Tambon Ban Tai

Tel: 513-359, (02) 255-6303

Rates: 500-650 baht

### **River Kwai Honey Well Resort**

208 Mu 2 Patthanakan Road

Tel: 515-143, 515-850, (02) 221-5472

Rates: 600-1,200 baht

### **Phu Kan Hometel**

209 Patthanakan Road Tel: 512-282

Rates: 650, 950, 2,500 baht

### **River Kwai Lodge**

164 Mu 2 Patthanakan Road

Tel: 513-657, (02) 251-4377, 251-7646

Rates: 800-1,000 baht

### **Suan Prasopsook Garden Resort**

6/1 Patthanakan Road Tel: 513-215,, 513-219

Rates: 500, 600, 1,000, 2,000 baht

### **Thadthong**

193/1 Mu 3 Tambon Thamakharm

Tel: (01) 211-1954 Rates: 600-800 baht

### **Kwai Noi Island Resort**

103 Mu 4 Tambon Wang Yen

Tel: (01) 313-0402, (02) 583-2946

Rate: 600 baht

### **Ban Rai Rim Kwai Resort**

Mu 1 Tambon Ban Kao Tel: 375-1822

Rates: 800-1,200 baht

### **Log Home Resort**

29/1 Mu 2 Tambon Pak-Praek Tel: 513-258

Rates: 700-1,400 baht

### **Duen Shine Resort**

99/9 Mu 3 Tambon Thamakharm

Tel: 513-611-2, (02) 418-1720

Rates: 600-1,500 baht

## IN SAI YOK DISTRICT

### **River Kwai Village Hotel**

72 Mu 4 Tambon Thasao

Tel: 591-055, 251-7552, 251-7828

Rates: 1,200-2,200 baht



**Home Phu Toey Resort**

Ban Phu Toey Tel: (02) 280-3488-9

Rates: 1,800-2,300 baht

**River Kwai Cabin**

Tambon Lumsum

Tel: 591-073, (02) 433-6688, 433-6963

Rate: 680 baht

**Sai Yok Hill Family Resort**

Tambon Lumsum Tel: (02) 382-0426-32

Rates; 2,200-6,000 baht

**River Kwai Jungle House**

Tambon Lumsum Tel: 561-052, 561-429

Rate: 680 baht

**Jungle Raft**

Sai Yok Tel: 245-3069, 247-5373 Rate: 650 baht

**Sai Yok Valley Resort**

61/1 Tambon Lumsum

Tel: 591-024, (02) 538-9934, 539-3531

Rates: 900-4,800 baht

**Resotel Kanglawwa Resort**

Tel: 591-036, (02) 279-5177

**Pung Waan Resort**

123 Tambon Tha Sao Tel 591-017-8,

281-3221-5 Rates: 1,700-1,900 baht

**Saowakhon Camping**

Tambon Singha Tel:( 02) 413-1981, 413-0158

Rate: 500 baht

**Wang Singha Resort**

144/3 Mu 1 Tambon Singha Tel: 561-577.

(01) 312-0682 Rates: 1,200-1,400 baht

**Kan-Da Resort**

Mu 1 Tambon Singha Tel:(02) 454-0784-6

**River Kwai Cliff House**

224/1 Mu 1 Tambon Lumsum Tel: 591-014

Rate: 500 baht

**Kitti Raft**

Pak Saaeng Pier Tambon Tha Sao

Tel: 591-106

Rate: 500 baht

**Phantawee Raft** Tel: 512-572, 514--153

**Sai Yok View Raft****Rom Sak Raft**

near Sai Yok Waterfall (Sai Yok National Park)

## **IN THONG PHA PHUM DISTRICT**

### **Srithong Pha Phum Bungalow**

78/7 Mu 1 Tambon Thakhanon Tel: 599--058

Rates: 128-235 baht

### **Som Jai Nuk Bungalows**

28/1 Mu 1 Tambon Thakhanon

Tel: 599-067, 559-001 Rates: 160-600 baht

### **Banchaideaen Phu Pha Pum**

Tambon Thakhanon Tel: 599-063, 599-048

Rates: 550-1,000 baht

### **Bangkok Flower Centre**

277 Mu 1 Tambon Thakhanon

Tel: 599-108, 599-037 Rates: 500-1,200 baht

## **IN KHAO LAEM DAM AREA**

**Pha Phung Raft**/Rates: 1,680-2,100

**Wang Pai Chalet**/Rates: 500, 700, 2,500 baht

**Chom Chan Raft Chao Kheun Raft**

**Weekend Garden Resort**

Tel: 514-707, (02) 411-0194

Rate: 100 baht (per person)

### **Ran Tee Palace**

Tel: 591-036, (02) 279-5040

Rates: 1,550-1,950 baht per person, including meals

**VIP Raft**/Tel: 599-001 **Kao Laem Raft**

**Kao Laem Resort**/Tel: (02) 277-0589

**Rim Khuen Raft**/Tel: 599-090

**Ban Suan Thaweechai Pha Phum**

Tel: 561-335 Rates: 500-1,500 baht

### **Gold Cliff Resort**

Tel: 599-026 Rates: 400-800 baht

### **Ban Rim Doi Resort**

Tambon Thakhanon Tel: 513-218, 511-045,  
511-897, 513-328

**Thong Pha Phum Valley**/Tambon Thakhanon

## **IN SANGKLA BURI DISTRICT**

### **Sri Daeng Hotel**

Tambon Nong Loo Tel: 595-026, 595-088

Rates: 120-300 baht VIP 800 baht



**Sam Prasob Resort**

Mu 3 Tambon Nong Loo Tel: 595-050

Rates: 200-500 baht

**Burmese Inn**

52/3 Tambon Nong Loo Rates: 45-60 baht

**P Guest House**

81 Mu 1 Tambon Nong Loo Tel: 595-061, 595-140

**Sangkla Garden**

Tambon Nong Loo Tel: 595-096, 595-070

Rates: 600-1,200 baht

**Song Ka Lia Resort & River Hut**

Tambon Nong Loo Tel: 595-023-4

**Three Pagoda Resort**

28 Mu 9 Tambon Nong Loo (near Three Pagodas Pass) Tel: (02) 412-4159, 412-6578

Rates: 600-1,200 baht

**IN SRI SAWAT DISTRICT****Tham Than Lot National Park**

Tel: (02) 579-4842, 579-0529

**Great Lake Resort**

2 Mu 1 Tambon Tha Kradan Tel: (02) 437-0086, 437-2487 Rates: 800-1,200 baht

**General Resort**/226 Mu 4 Tambon Tha Kradan

**Pha-Eung Resort**

98 Mu 4 Tambon Tha Kradan Tel: (01) 213-1025

**Kwai Yai Hilton Park**

near Erawan Waterfall Tel: (02) 421-3179

Rates: 500-1,000 baht

**Pha Daeng Resort**

near Erawan Waterfall Tel: 513-349

Rates: 400-1,000 baht

**Erawan Resort**

near Erawan Waterfall Tel: 513-568

**Rom Klao Raft**

Tambon Tha Kradan Tel: (02) 254-3534, 597-048

## General Information

**Tourist Information**

The Tourism Authority of Thailand's Kanchanaburi office is open seven days a week throughout the year, even on public and national holidays, from 8.30 AM until 4.30 PM.

### **Tourist Police**

Bi-lingual tourist police are attached to the TAT office on Saeng Chuto Road to provide speedy assistance to visitors in cases of emergencies (Tel:512-795).

### **Banks**

Foreign exchange services are available at the following banks:

#### **Thai Military Bank**

160/34 Saeng Chuto Road, Ban Noue Village  
Tel: 531-677

#### **Bangkok Bank**

2 U-Thong Road, Ban Noue Village  
Tel: 511-111, 511-212, 512-710

#### **Thai Farmers Bank**

160/80-2 Saeng Chuto Road, Ban Noue Village  
Tel: 511-203, 511-774

### **Government Offices**

These are generally open between 8.30 AM and 4.30 PM, with a noon to 1.00 PM lunchbreak, Monday through Friday, except on public holidays.

## **USEFUL ADDRESSES**

### **SELECT RESTAURANTS**

#### **Thong Nathee Restaurant**

Song Kwae Street Tel: 512-944

#### **Pae Ban Noue Restaurant**

Song Kwae Street Tel: 512-326

#### **J.R .Queen Restaurant**

33 Chai Chumpol Street, Ban Tai  
Tel: 511-221, 511-864

#### **Mae Nam Restaurant**

Song Kwae Street Tel: 512-811

#### **Pae Kan Restaurant**

Song Kwae Street Tel: 513-251

#### **River Cafe River Kwai Hotel**

Saeng Chuto Road Tel: 511-565

#### **In Town Cafe**

Commercial Centre, Saeng Chuto Road  
Tel: 511-238

#### **River Kwai & Sai Yok Restaurants**

near Bridge Over The River Kwai  
Tel: 512-540-1, and 512-702 respectively



## **HEALTH & TRAVEL**

### **Paholpolpayuhasena Hospital**

Saeng Chuto Road Tel: 511-233

### **Preeshaweth Hospital**

Saebg Chuto Road Tel: 611-683

### **Makarak Hospital**

Saeng Chuto Road Tel: 541-115

### **Kanchanaburi X-Ray Lab**

6-8 Kumuang Street, Ban Noue Village

Tel: 511-970

### **Manas Karn Phaet Clinic**

160/45 Saeng Chuto Road Tel: 511-066

### **Jiraporn Dental Clinic**

55 Bovorn Street, Ban Noue Village

Tel: 511-986

### **Tharn Rong Clinic**

160/247 Saeng Chuto Road Tel: 512-242

### **Prasop Dental Clinic**

98/3 Bovorn Street, Ban Noue Village

Tel: 513-303

### **Sayarn Karn Phaet Clinic**

81 Saeng Chuto Road Tel: 512-088

### **Provincial Police Headquarters**

Saeng Chuto Road, Ban Noue Village

Tel: 511-540

### **Immigration Office**

11/22 Mae Klong Road, Pak Praek Village

Tel: 513-325

### **Kanchanaburi Railway Station**

Saeng Chuto Road Tel: 511-265

### **The Transport Company Limited**

Saeng Chuto Road Tel: 511-387

### **B.T. Travel**

Saeng Chute Road (behind TAT office)

Tel: 511-967

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# Neighbouring Provinces

## **Nakhon Pathom**

This province is best known for the Phra Pathom Chedi, some 60 kilometres west of Bangkok, and the world's tallest Buddhist monument. The 114-metre-high orange-tiled chedi marks the spot where Buddhism was introduced, some 2,300 years ago, to the Thailand-to-be. The chedi is an architectural masterpiece, surrounded by tree-shaded galleries and cloisters, and dominates the surrounding countryside. Each November, the chedi hosts a popular fair where the religious and temporal combine in merit-making ceremonies, entertainment stalls, folk operas and general merriment.

The Province is also known for the Rose Garden, a popular riverside country club some 60 minutes west of Bangkok, and the nearby Samphran Crocodile Farm.

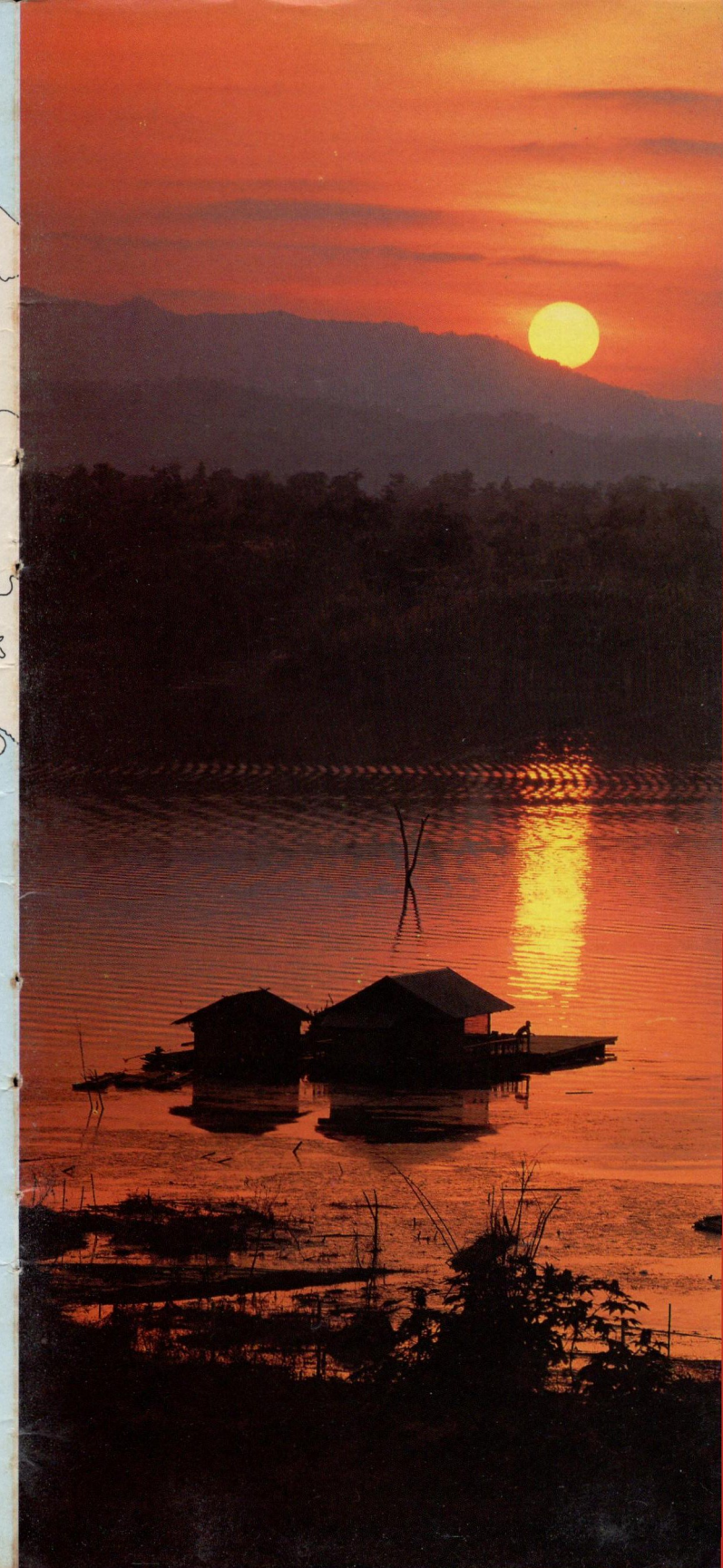
## **Ratchaburi**

40 minutes south of Nakhon Pathom is Damnoen Saduak, the nearest popular floating market to Bangkok where, early each morning, farmers congregate in produce-laden boats to trade in fresh market produce such as vegetables, spices, fruits and poultry.

## **Suphan Buri**

Returning to Bangkok from Kanchanaburi, along Route 324, travellers may visit the Don Chedi Memorial where a white pagoda and a statue of Ayutthaya's warrior king, Naresuan the Great, mark the king's victory, at that spot, in single combat on elephant back, over the Burmese Crown Prince in 1592. The victory is celebrated each year in January with week-long festivities, including re-enactment of war-elephant combat.





# TOURISM AUTHORITY OF THAILAND

## HEAD OFFICE

Tourism Authority of Thailand  
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Tel: (02) 226-0060, 226-0072, 226-0085,  
226-0098 Fax: (66 2) 224-6221

## LOCAL OFFICES

### CENTRAL

#### KANCHANABURI

Tourism Authority of Thailand  
Saeng Chuto Rd., Amphoe Muang,  
Kanchanaburi 71000

Tel: (034) 511200 Fax: (034) 511200

#### PHRA NAKHON SI AYUTTHAYA

Tourism Authority of Thailand  
(Temporary Office)

Si Sanphet Rd., Amphoe Phra Nakhon  
Si Ayutthaya,

Phra Nakhon Si Ayutthaya 13000

Tel: (035) 246076-7 Fax: (035) 246078

#### LOP BURI

Tourism Authority of Thailand  
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H.M. The Queen's Celebration Building  
c/o Lop Buri Provincial Hall, Narai

Maharat Rd., Amphoe Muang,

Lop Buri 15000

#### PATTAYA

Tourism Authority of Thailand  
382/1 Chaihat Rd., South Pattaya,  
Amphoe Bang Lamung, Pattaya City,  
Chon Buri 20260

Tel: (038) 428750, 427667

Fax: (038) 429113

#### RAYONG

Tourism Authority of Thailand  
153/4 Sukhumvit Rd., Amphoe Muang,  
Rayong 21000

Tel: (038) 655420-1 Fax: (038) 655422

#### CHA-AM

Tourism Authority of Thailand  
500/51 Phetkasem Rd., Amphoe Cha-Am,  
Phetchaburi 76120

Tel: (032) 471005, 471006

Fax: (032) 471502

#### NORTH

##### CHIANG MAI

Tourism Authority of Thailand  
105/1 Chiang Mai-Lamphun Rd.,  
Amphoe Muang, Chiang Mai 50000

Tel: (053) 248604, 248607

Fax: (053) 248605

##### CHIANG RAI

Tourism Authority of Thailand  
448/16 Singhakhlai Rd., Amphoe Muang,  
Chiang Rai 57000

Tel: (053) 717433 Fax: (053) 717434

##### PHITSANULOK

Tourism Authority of Thailand  
209/7-8 Surasi Trade Center,

Boromtrailokanat Rd., Amphoe Muang,  
Phitsanulok 65000

Tel: (055) 252742, 252743

Fax: (055) 252742

## NORTHEAST

### NAKHON RATCHASIMA

Tourism Authority of Thailand  
2102-2104 Mittraphap Rd.,  
Amphoe Muang, Nakhon Ratchasima 30000

Tel: (044) 213666, 213030

Fax: (044) 213667

### UBON RATCHATHANI

Tourism Authority of Thailand  
264/1 Khaunthani Rd., Amphoe Muang,  
Ubon Ratchathani 34000

Tel: (045) 243770-1 Fax: (045) 243771

### KHON KAEN

Tourism Authority of Thailand  
15/5 Prachasamoson Rd., Amphoe Muang,  
Khon Kaen 40000

Tel: (043) 244498-9 Fax: (043) 244497

### NAKHON PHANOM

Tourism Authority of Thailand  
(Temporary Office)

c/o Provincial Administration Office,  
Abhibanbancha Rd., Amphoe Muang,  
Nakhon Phanom 48000

Tel: (042) 513490, 513491

Fax: (042) 513492

### UDON THANI

Tourism Authority of Thailand  
(Temporary Office)

c/o Provincial Education Office, Phosi Rd.,  
Amphoe Muang, Udon Thani 41000

Tel: (042) 241968 Fax: (042) 241968

## SOUTH

### HAT YAI

Tourism Authority of Thailand  
1/1 Soi 2 Niphat Uthit 3 Rd., Hat Yai,  
Songkhla 90110

Tel: (074) 243747, 238518, 231055

Fax: (074) 245986

### PHUKET

Tourism Authority of Thailand  
73-75 Phuket Rd., Amphoe Muang,  
Phuket 83000

Tel: (076) 212213, 211036,

Fax: (076) 213582, 217138

### SURAT THANI

Tourism Authority of Thailand  
5 Talat Mai Rd., Ban Don,  
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Tel: (077) 281828, 288818-9

Fax: (077) 282828

### NAKHON SI THAMMARAT

Tourism Authority of Thailand  
Sanam Na Muang, Ratchadamnoen Rd.,  
Amphoe Muang,

Nakhon Si Thammarat 80000

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